



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OKUBO, Masao et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2829**

Serial No.: **09/851,946**

Examiner: **Jimmy Nguyen**

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For. **VERTICAL PROBE CARD**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: August 24, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004 for one month, from August 6, 2004, to September 6, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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